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RESPONSE TO NOTICE FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF FILE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.251

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice Under 37 C.F.R. §1.251-Pending Application regarding reconstruction of the file of the above-identified application, Applicants through their attorneys hereby provide the Office a complete copy of the of Applicants' record of the above file (as maintained in the offices of the undersigned attorneys).

In reviewing this file, it appears that there has been a problem with the Office's internal record-keeping in connection with this application. Thus, this application currently stands abandoned for failure to respond to a Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, Paper No. 15. However Applicants did not receive that paper in due course, as indicated in the various renewal petitions Applicants have filed to have this erroneous holding of abandonment withdrawn. More

significantly, that paper is also absent from the Office's own internal record of this application, as reflected in the PALM record included with the Notice for Reconstruction as well as the PAIR record available on the internet.

Similarly, a Notice of Confirmation Number Assignment document, which Applicants' attorneys did receive on December 20, 2000, is also absent from the Office's records of this file.

In addition, a number of additional papers filed by Applicants are also absent from the Office's records of this file, as follows:

Table 1 Papers Filed by Applicants Missing from the PTO's Records	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Document Description</u>
1/6/04	Second Renewed Petition Under C.F.R. §1.181 to Withdraw Erroneous Holding of Abandonment
1/6/04	Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.312
1/6/04	Formal Drawings
9/9/03	Renewed Petition Under C.F.R. §1.181 to Withdraw Erroneous Holding of Abandonment
11/9/99	Notice of Recording of Assignment
9/1/99	Filing Receipt
9/1/99	Patent Application Including Fully Executed Declaration and Related Filing Papers
9/1/99	Assignment

Finally, Applicants note that numerous papers (or entries) listed in the Office's PALM and PAIR records relating to the file are also missing from Applicants copy of the file, as enclosed with this response. All of these entries, however, appear related to internal office procedures, examples of which are "Workflow" entries, "Receipt into Pubs" entries, and the like.

Thus as best as Applicants can tell, the enclosed copy of the file of the above application as maintained in the offices of the undersigned attorneys should include all substantive papers in this file.

In any event, the following comprises a complete list of all correspondence between the Office and the undersigned attorneys in connection with the above-identified application, except for U.S. patent documents. (Note that the Information Disclosure Statement submitted January 18, 2000, erroneously refers to page 8-32 rather than 18-32 of Boyer et al., Metals Handbook, Desk Addition. See, page 1 of the specification.)

Table 2
List of All Correspondence Between Applicants' Attorneys and the Office
in Connection with S.N. 09/387,894 in the File of the Undersigned Attorneys

<u>Date</u>	<u>Document Description</u>
5/13/05	Request for Reconstruction of File
1/6/04	Second Renewed Petition to Withdraw Erroneous Holding of Abandonment
1/6/04	Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.312 (Responding to Paper No. 15)
1/6/04	Formal Drawings (Responding to Paper No. 15 by Omitting Fig. 4)
12/9/03	Dismissal of Petition to Withdraw Erroneous Holding of Abandonment (Responding to original Petition to Withdraw Erroneous Holding of Abandonment of 6/5/03, but not to the Renewed Petition of 9/9/03, and providing Applicants their first copy of the Office Action of 3/11/03, Paper No. 15)
9/9/03	Renewed Petition to Withdraw Erroneous Holding of Abandonment (Including Request to Remail Office Action of 3/11/03, Paper No. 15, not yet received by Applicants)
6/5/03	Petition to Withdraw Erroneous Holding of Abandonment
5/21/03	Notice of Abandonment
12/16/02	Issue Fee Payment
10/4/00	Formal Drawings (Including Fig. 4)
9/10/02	Notice of Allowance Including Requirement for Formal Drawings
7/08/02	Response After Non-Final Rejection
7/08/02	Request for Extension of Time
3/04/02	Non-Final Office Action
1/28/02	Amendment
1/28/02	Non-Final Rejection
1/22/02	Request for Reconsideration After Final Rejection
10/22/01	Final Rejection
8/13/01	Response to Non-Final Rejection
5/14/01	Non-Final Rejection
12/?/00	Notice of Confirmation Number Assignment
1/18/00	Information Disclosure Statement Including Two Publications
11/9/99	Notice of Recording of Assignment
9/1/99	Filing Receipt
9/1/99	Patent Application Including Fully Executed Declaration and Related Filing Papers
9/1/99	Assignment

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